

T/5 Frank L. Benderling

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OSHKOSH WOMAN TOLD HUSBAND IS LISTED AS 'MISSING'

Corp. Frank Benderling Is Un-
accounted for in North Af-
rican Area—Details Not Re-
vealed

Mrs. Frank Benderling, 1029
Fifth street, has received word
from the war department that her
husband, Corp. Frank Benderling,
26, is officially listed as missing
in action.

The government message said
the Oshkosh young man was miss-
ing in action in the North African
area since Nov. 26. It added that
details would follow in a letter.
Corporal Benderling was in the
engineering division of the army
air corps.

Mrs. Benderling is the daughter
of Mrs. Adeline Penzenstadler and
had been living with her mother
for the past several months since
her husband went to war. The
Benderlings formerly lived at 12½
Bent avenue.

For Second Time

This is the second time within a
week that the home at 1029 Fifth
street has had sorrowing news of
war brought to it. Mrs. Penzen-
stadler was informed on Dec. 22
that her son, Sgt. Frank Penzen-
stadler, was killed in action off
Ascension island in the south At-
lantic on Dec. 15. The deceased
sergeant was a brother of Mrs.
Benderling.

In a letter to his wife four weeks
ago, Corporal Benderling said he
would not be heard from for some
time, as his unit was being moved
and asked the wife not to worry
about his safety. She had not
heard from him since.

The Oshkosh corporal is the son
of Mrs. George Mortenson, Butte
des Morts. He was born in Osh-
kosh, April 25, 1917, and gradu-
ated from Oshkosh High school.
He had been employed in the
Faust machine shop prior to his
induction Jan. 6, of this year. He
received training at various camps
in the United States including
Fort Sheridan and Brookley Field,
Ala. He had been overseas since
October of this year.

He married Clara Penzenstadler
on Nov. 23, 1940. The Benderlings
have one son, Thomas, 9 months
old. Besides the mother he has
one sister, Mrs. Everett Unmuth,
Butte des Morts.

pilot of a P-38 pursuit plane,
was 21 years old and enlisted
in the air corps at Gregory, S. D.
spent most of his life in South
Dakota and had never been in this
country.

The mother came to Mercy
hospital here as an anesthetist in
1940.

One of his more recent letters,
son informed his mother that
he had received the air medal and
was due to receive the oak leaf
ribbon.

His sister, Margaret, is a dieti-
cian at Mercy hospital in Chicago.

His father died when the youth
was but 4 years old.

In Wisconsin List

Shington—(U.P.)—The war de-
partment today released the names
of 4 U. S. soldiers missing in
action in the Asiatic, European,
North Eastern, North African,
and southwest Pacific

North African list included
the following:

Asiatic area:

consin:

and Lieut. James R. O'Dair,
Edwin T. O'Dair, 114 Van
Buren street, Madison.

and Lieut. Norman R. Savig-
noff, Mrs. Janet M. Savignac,
Mary Ellen place, Wauwa-

European area:

and Lieut. Norman Brew-
ster, Mrs. Jean Brewster,
Lakes.

Sgt. Ralph E. Houser,
Mrs. Anna Houser, Alma

Edward Niebojewski,
Mrs. Catherine Niebojew-
ski, 9 South Eighth street, Mil-

and Lieut. Victor A. Sandes,
Mrs. Robert Sandes Jr.,
West Hadley street, Mil-

African area:

Officer Earl J. Dion,
Mrs. Joan C. Dion, Mercy
Hospital, Oshkosh.

First Class Earl J. Heslip,
Mrs. Prudence A. Heslip,
Id.

Donovan W. Rulien,
Mrs. F. W. Rulien, 902
Bent avenue, Eau Claire.

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LOCAL WOMAN IS TOLD HUSBAND DIED LAST NOV. 27

Corp. Frank L. Benderling,
Previously Reported Missing,
Is Casualty of World War
II

Mrs. Clara Benderling, 1029 Fifth street, today received a letter from the war department which stated that her husband, Corp. Frank L. "Sonny" Benderling, technician fifth grade, who was reported missing in action, had died on Nov. 27, 1943, according to information made available to the war department.

The letter follows a telegram which was received here by the wife on Monday, stating that the corporal was believed to be dead. The letter today verified the report.

"An official report has now been received in the war department which establishes the fact that your husband, Tech. Fifth Grade Frank L. Benderling, died on Nov. 27, 1943, as a result of the sinking of a troop transport at sea in enemy action," part of the letter read.

North African Area

An earlier message in December which stated the Oshkosh young man was missing, said he was missing since Nov. 26, 1943, in the North African area. This identification, plus the May 1 announcement by the war department that an American transport was sunk in the Mediterranean sea, has led the wife to conclude that her husband was among those who were lost on this ship. (The May 1 announcement in the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern did not disclose the date of the sinking but said 498 of the personnel were lost as the "vessel sank swiftly." No mention of the enemy action—whether plane or submarine — was revealed.) No further details were given in the letter this morning. It is not known if the man died of wounds, drowned or was killed outright in the action.

A brother-in-law, Sgt. Frank Penzenstadler, was reported killed in action off Ascension island, Dec. 15, 1943, in a wire received here a week before Mrs. Benderling received word of her husband being missing in action.

O. H. S. Graduate

The deceased is the son of Mrs. George Mortenson, Butte des Morts. He was born April 25, 1917. A graduate of Oshkosh High school he was employed at the Faust machine shop before induction on Jan. 6, 1943. He was sent overseas in October of last year. On Nov. 23, 1940, he married Clara Penzenstadler. There is one son, Thomas, 14 months old.

Surviving besides the mother, wife and child, is a sister, Mrs. Everett Unmuth, Butte des Morts.

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